

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 65**  
**TO SUPPORT A MORATORIUM**  
**ON NEW SCHOOL OPENINGS IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**  
**UNTIL A COMPREHENSIVE CITY-WIDE PLAN FOR EDUCATION IS DEVELOPED**

**WHEREAS**, the population of school-age children ages 5-19 in the City of St. Louis has decreased by 18.6% between 2007 and 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the public school system in the City of St. Louis includes both traditional district schools and charter schools; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007-08 there were 103 public schools serving 60,642 children and in 2019-20 there were 110 public schools serving 49,939 children; and

**WHEREAS**, the local, state, and federal support for school choice programs continues to create a system of schools and programs that fight over a declining population of children and a shrinking pool of resources, leading to duplicated services and system-wide inefficiencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Saint Louis Public Schools has closed schools and continues to face the challenge of future school closures in order to best serve its current student population and preserve district resources to ensure its continued existence; and

**WHEREAS**, vacant district and charter school buildings create negative impacts on our neighborhoods and collaboration between the city, schools, and developers are needed to create strong communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis requires a city-wide plan for education to ensure the public school system provides a quality education for all children regardless of their enrollment in a district or charter school; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis supports a moratorium on new school openings in the City of St. Louis until a comprehensive city-wide plan for education is developed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Aldermen commits to engaging with education system leaders, education practitioners, community stakeholders, city- and state-level policy makers, and scholars in the development of such a plan to design a system of excellent schools which provides consistent education opportunities across all schools, neighborhoods, and wards. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a formal copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place and to those deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021 by:**  
**The Honorable Jesse Todd, Alderman 18<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**Adopted the XXXX day of XXXX, 2021, as attested by:**

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**Terry Kennedy**  
**Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

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**Lewis E. Reed**  
**President, Board of Aldermen**